

PARTNERING PATHWAYS

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Objectives

- Research request
 - ▶ Nolin and Rough River Lakes
- Re-discovered pathways
 - ▶ Intergovernment Personnel Act (IPA) Agreement
 - ▶ Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESUs)



Objectives – Cont'd

- Moving forward
- Lessons learned
- Continued partnering efforts



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Research Request

- Nolin and Rough River Reservoir Projects
 - ▶ What is causing the persistent HABs?
 - ▶ What are our management options?
 - ▶ How can we better work with our local/state/federal partners?



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Research Request

- Prioritized Research Questions
 1. Identify nutrient and pesticide/herbicide/algaecide sources contributing to the reservoirs.
 2. Establish the levels of nutrient loading in lake the lake sediments.



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Partnering Pathways

- Establishing the need to partner
- Determining the appropriate partner
- Re-discovering the Intergovernment Personnel Act (IPA) Agreement
- Defining the internal IPA Agreement procedure



Partnering Pathways

- Introduction to Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESU) Agreements
- Benefit of strong partners



Intergovernment Personnel Act (IPA)

- Provides for the temporary assignment of personnel between the Federal Government and state and local governments, colleges and universities, Indian tribal governments, federally funded research and development centers, and other eligible organizations



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Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units (CESUs)

- Cooperative and Joint Venture Agreement to provide research, technical assistance, and education to federal land management, environmental, and research agencies and their partners
- CESU= Federal agencies + a host university + partner institutions



CESUs- Cont'd

- DOI- BLM, USFWS, USGS, NPS, BOEM
- USDA- USFS, NRCS, FSA
- DOD- ODUSD (I&E), USACE-CW
- Others- NASA, NOAA
- Various educational and non-federal institutions across the nation, led by a host university



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CESUs- Cont'd

- Select the appropriate CESU
- Prepare a Statement of Interest
- SOI posted by the Host University
- Review of proposals
- Request for full proposal
- Proposal review & approval
- Award



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Moving Forward

- Study plans for Nolin and Rough River Lakes developed under IPA Agreement
- Studies conducted under CESU Agreement



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Lessons Learned

- Legal implication of using IPA Agreement
 - ▶ Conflicts of Interest & Bans
- CESU used instead of IPA Agreement
- Planning ahead



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Continuing to Partner

- Meeting goals of multiple agencies
- Funding the studies
- Communicating the findings



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Questions???

- IPA Information Available at:
<http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/hiring-authorities/intergovernment-personnel-act/>
- CESU Information Available at:
<http://www.cesu.psu.edu/>

